CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARY 2, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Director of Utilities Springer, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. for

1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: one potential case.

2) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

   Property: Suspended Table A Water (12,214 AF of State Water Project entitlement)
   Agency negotiator: Director of Utilities
   Negotiating parties: City of Santa Maria and State of California Department of Water Resources
   Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Chief Human Resources Officer Elena Morelos, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Interim Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that Closed Session would reconvene following the regular meeting.

1 PROCLAMATIONS
There were no Proclamations.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written communication was received from Jonathan Hawes expressing concerns about the City of El Monte's Promise Foundation Scholarship Fund.

There were no requests to speak.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3F were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-13 and 2021-14. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 19, 2021.

Action: Minutes were approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution approving a determination of public convenience for a Type 20 (Off-Sale Beer and Wine) alcoholic beverage license for Aldi grocery store located at the future Enos Ranch West development.

Action: Alcoholic beverage license approved for Aldi grocery store.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-13. 5-0.

D. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the 2022 Grant Program Cycle.

Action: Submission of grant application approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-14. 5-0.

4 APPOINTMENTS

A. Mayor Patino made a nomination, and the City Council ratified one appointment to the Investment Oversight Committee.

Action: Councilmember Waterfield was appointed to the Investment Committee.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **USER FEE CONCEPT PRESENTATION.** The City Council received the Cost of Service Study (User Fee Study) and the preliminary User Fee Cost Recovery Level Policy, and approved bringing any changes or comments forward at two virtual public workshops to be organized by the Department of Finance. There was consensus of the City Council to hold one workshop during the day, and one during the evening to allow for increased input and comment.

Eric Johnson and Chu Thai of Revenue & Cost Specialists, LLC, gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input

Laurie Tamura of Urban Planning Concepts commented on how cost-prohibitive some of the hourly rate components can be for developers pursuing projects in the City. She also encouraged the City Council to take into account past City Council actions and policies when making decisions regarding user fees. She pointed out that the proposed fees for the Community Development Department were five to ten times what they are currently and said she did not think that was fair.

Action: Presentation received and staff directed to hold two public workshops, one to be held on February 23, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., the other to be held in the evening with the date to be determined. Spanish interpretation would be provided at the workshops.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be February 16, 2021. Items on the agenda would include a Closed Session regarding Real Property, the 2nd Quarter Financial Report, and a COVID-19 update.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Cordero reported he attended United Way meetings regarding the pending 2021 Rodeo plans.

Councilmember Soto acknowledged Marian Medical Center and Hancock College for their efforts administering vaccines.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended the Santa Barbara LAFCO meeting.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the New Mayors and City Councilmembers Academy by the League of California Cities; a homelessness round table discussion; and the League of California Cities Latino Caucus. He also encouraged the City to start using the services of an interpreter at public meetings.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the South Coast Youth Safety Partnership Quarterly Meeting; the SBCAG monthly board meeting; the APCD board meeting; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Board meeting; a hearing on Southern California Edison's Public Safety Shutoff practices; a homelessness round table discussion; the Marian Foundation Board of Directors meeting; and a couple of Rotary meetings.

ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Patino adjourned the regular meeting and reconvened the Closed Session at 7:01 p.m.

City Attorney Watson announced that there was no reportable action associated with the Closed Session item.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on February 16, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

2/19/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria